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(54) GOLF BAG COVER

(71) I, JOHN NEVILLE CHERRY, a British Subject, of 55 Charles Drive, Anstey, Leicestershire LE7 7BH, do hereby declare the invention for which I pray that a patent may be granted to me, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement:—

This invention is concerned with equipment used in playing the game of golf. As is well known, this equipment includes a plurality of golf clubs in a bag which the player either carries around the course, or wheels on a trolley; the player removes the appropriate club from the bag when he has to play a stroke during the course of the game.

When an unexpected storm occurs or where an important game cannot be delayed, for example, a game may have to be played wholly or partly in rain or other inclement weather. It will be appreciated that this has a detrimental effect on a player's clubs and on his bag.

Some expensive golf bags have affixed to the side thereof by zips, a flap intended to be un-zipped and drawn over the open upper end of the bag to prevent the entry of rain at such times. However, in fine weather, these flaps are often used as storage receptacles, e.g. for golf balls, so that they cannot be used as intended when the need arises. Also, such a flap does not protect the exterior of the bag itself.

The object of the invention is to provide a weatherproof cover for a golf bag which protects both the exterior and interior thereof.

To this end, the invention provides a golf bag cover of a weatherproof or weather-resistant, flexible sheet material, which comprises a main section adapted to be secured around a golf bag by releasable connecting means and, at the end of said main section to be located adjacent the upper end of the

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bag in use, a flap intended to cover golf clubs in the bag and thereby to protect both them and the interior of the bag from the effects of inclement weather.

The flap on the cover may, in normal use, be turned back to expose the clubs for easy removal. Then, in inclement weather, the flap will be drawn over the upper end of the bag to prevent the entry of water and to protect the clubs. To remove a club at required times, the flap is simply lifted or pushed aside. The said main section of the cover protects the bag itself. Of course, it need not completely encircle the bag.

If desired, the flap may be adapted to be secured over the open upper end of the bag by a releasable fastening element as a protection against strong winds.

The cover can be used with any size of bag, whether it is intended to be carried or to be mounted on a trolley. Of course, in this latter event, the cover will be positioned so as not to leave parts of the bag exposed. The cover may in fact surround both the bag and the relevant part of the trolley.

Where the cover is used on a bag intended to be carried, a slit may if necessary be provided therein to accommodate the carrying handle or strap of the bag. Releasable fastening elements, e.g. a zip or press studs may be provided to close the slit between the ends of the handle or strap after the latter has been inserted therethrough. Ordinarily however, the cover will be dimensioned so that, when wrapped around the bag, an uncovered space is left for the handle or strap.

The said main section of the cover may be rectangular in shape so that, in use, it can be arranged with its longitudinal edges extending lengthwise of the bag. In this event, the flap or hood will be attached to its upper end margin.

If desired, a side flap may be provided along each longitudinal edge of the said

main part. These flaps can serve to bridge the gap between the bag and trolley where the latter is used and protect the uncovered side of the bag.

- 5 Retaining elements for securing the cover on the bag may extend between the longitudinal edges of the said main part or between the side flaps where provided. These elements may be of any convenient form provided that they can be readily released when necessary. One form of fastening element is shown in the accompanying drawings.

- 15 The hood or flap may be of any convenient form and may be initially separate from the main section. In one preferred embodiment however, it is constituted by an extension of this main section (see below).

- 20 To facilitate understanding of the invention and to enable it to be readily carried into practical effect, one specific embodiment thereof will now be described, by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:—

- 25 Figure 1 is a perspective view of a golf bag cover in accordance with this embodiment, ready for fitment to a golf bag.

Figure 2 shows the cover of Figure 1 in use on a golf bag, and,

- 30 Figure 3 is a perspective view of the cover of Figure 1 in a folded condition, partially inserted in a carrying bag.

- The cover itself comprises a main section 1 of rectangular shape which is intended to be wrapped around the golf bag. Stitched to each longitudinal margin of section 1 is a flap 2, these flaps extending from the lower end of section 1 over approximately three quarters of the length thereof so that, in use, they terminate adjacent the upper end of the bag.

- Section 1 extends upwards beyond the top of the bag in use, and a rectangular strip 3 of fabric is stitched around the upper and side edges of this extension of section 1 as shown to form a hood. A further flap 4 is stitched inside hood 3 at one side thereof to produce a pocket.

- 50 The edges of the main section 1, flaps 2 and hood-section 3 are trimmed with a protective beading 5.

The cover illustrated in this embodiment is preferably made of p.v.c., leathercloth or of any other light, waterproof material.

- 55 To enable the cover to be secured around a golf bag, four sets of fasteners are secured to the opposed margins of the flaps 2 in spaced positions. Each of these fasteners comprises a plastic ring 6 which is secured by a loop 7 to the margin of one flap, and a metal hook 8 carried by the ring. At a corresponding position on the other flap, a similar plastic ring 9 is secured thereto by a loop 10. A loop 11 of an elastic material is threaded through ring 9 and through the

endmost link in a chain 12 having a hook 13 at its outer end. By virtue of the loops 11, the fasteners are of a resilient character; this ensures that the cover is always firmly held in position in use and enables it to be used on golf bags of different sizes.

In use (as can be seen in Figure 2), the main section 1 of the cover is wrapped around the golf bag so as to project above the latter at one end and the fasteners on the flaps 2 are secured together by engagement of hooks 13 in hooks 8. As can be seen, the hood 3 covers the heads of golf clubs, generally designated 14, in the golf bag 15. It will be noted that a small part of the bag 15 is exposed, i.e. the portion between the flaps 2, to permit access to the handle 16 of the bag. This part of the bag is, in any event normally held adjacent the golfer's body when the bag is being carried and is therefore protected.

When a golfer wishes to use one of the clubs 14, he simply deflects the hood 3 rearwards as he extracts the appropriate club. In fine weather, the entire hood may be folded back to expose all of the clubs if the cover is to remain secured around the bag.

To enable the hood to be retained in position over the golf clubs or folded back at required times as the case may be, a plastic ring 17, similar to ring 9, and carrying a chain 18 is secured to the outer margin of hood-section 3 at its centre. A hook at the other end of chain 18 enables it to be clipped to an appropriate part of the cover or of the golf bag to retain the hood in the appropriate position.

There is also provided an open-ended bag 19 (Fig. 3) into which the cover can be inserted in a folded condition when not in use. At one side of the bag, adjacent the respective bag mouth and closed end, a pair of plastic rings 20 are secured to the bag by loops 21. These rings carry chains 22 by which the bag 19 can be clipped on to the golf bag for carrying when not in use.

WHAT I CLAIM IS:—

1. A golf bag cover of a weather-proof or weather-resistant flexible sheet material, which comprises a main section adapted to be secured around a golf bag by releasable connecting means and, at the end of said main section to be located adjacent the upper end of the bag in use, a flap intended to cover golf clubs in the bag and thereby to protect both them and the interior of the bag from the effects of inclement weather.

2. A cover according to Claim 1, wherein said main section is of generally-rectangular shape and is so dimensioned that in use, it extends above the upper end of the bag, a flap being secured to this extension around its margin to form a hood.

3. A cover according to Claim 2, wherein

each side margin of the said main section has secured therealong a generally-rectangular flap, each of which extends from the end of the bag remote from the hood to a location 5 in the region of the hood-forming flap on the main section.

4. A cover according to Claim 3, including releasable connecting means which, in use, extend between said flaps to secure the 10 cover around a golf bag.

5. A cover according to Claim 4, wherein said releasable connecting means are constituted by a plurality of elastic straps, each of which is secured at one end to one of 15 said side flaps and is adapted at its opposite end to engage the other side flap, or a formation thereon.

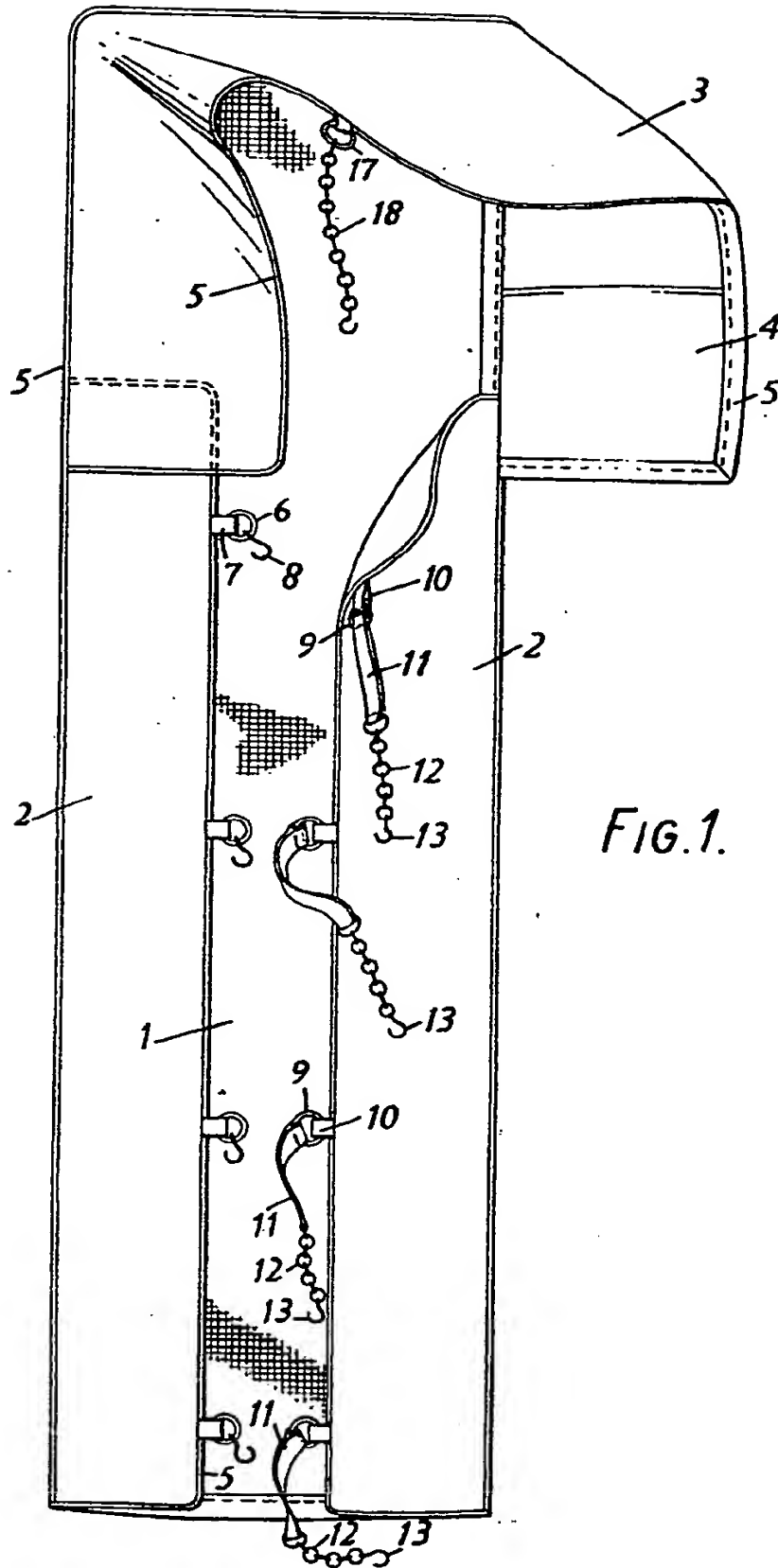
6. A cover according to any of the preceding Claims, wherein the flap or hood is adapted to be secured over the open upper 20 end of the bag by a releasable fastening element.

7. A cover according to any of the preceding claims which is made of polyvinyl chloride. 25

8. A golf bag cover substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

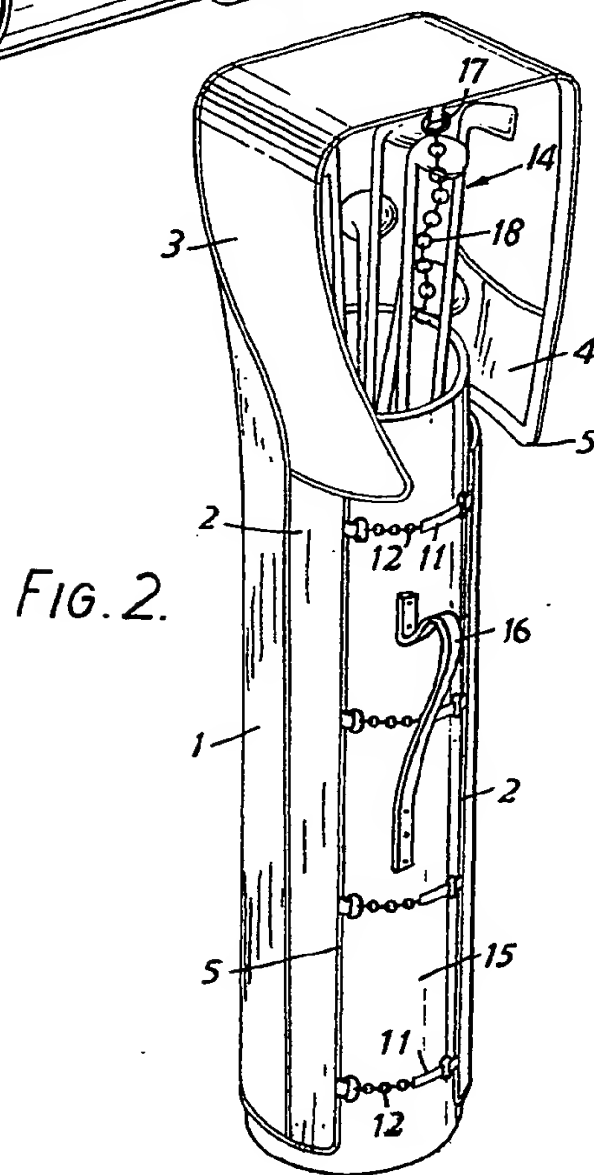
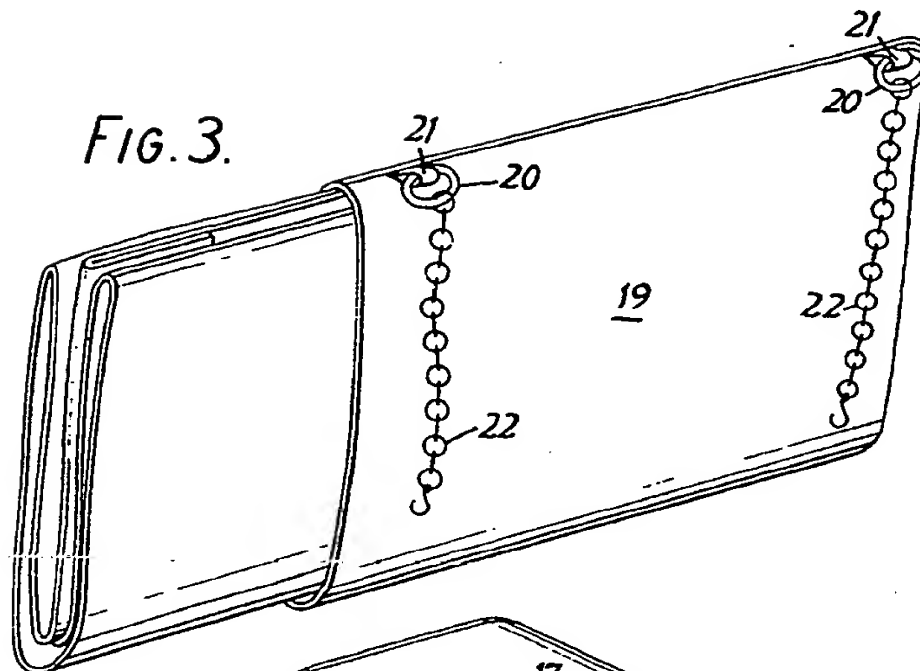
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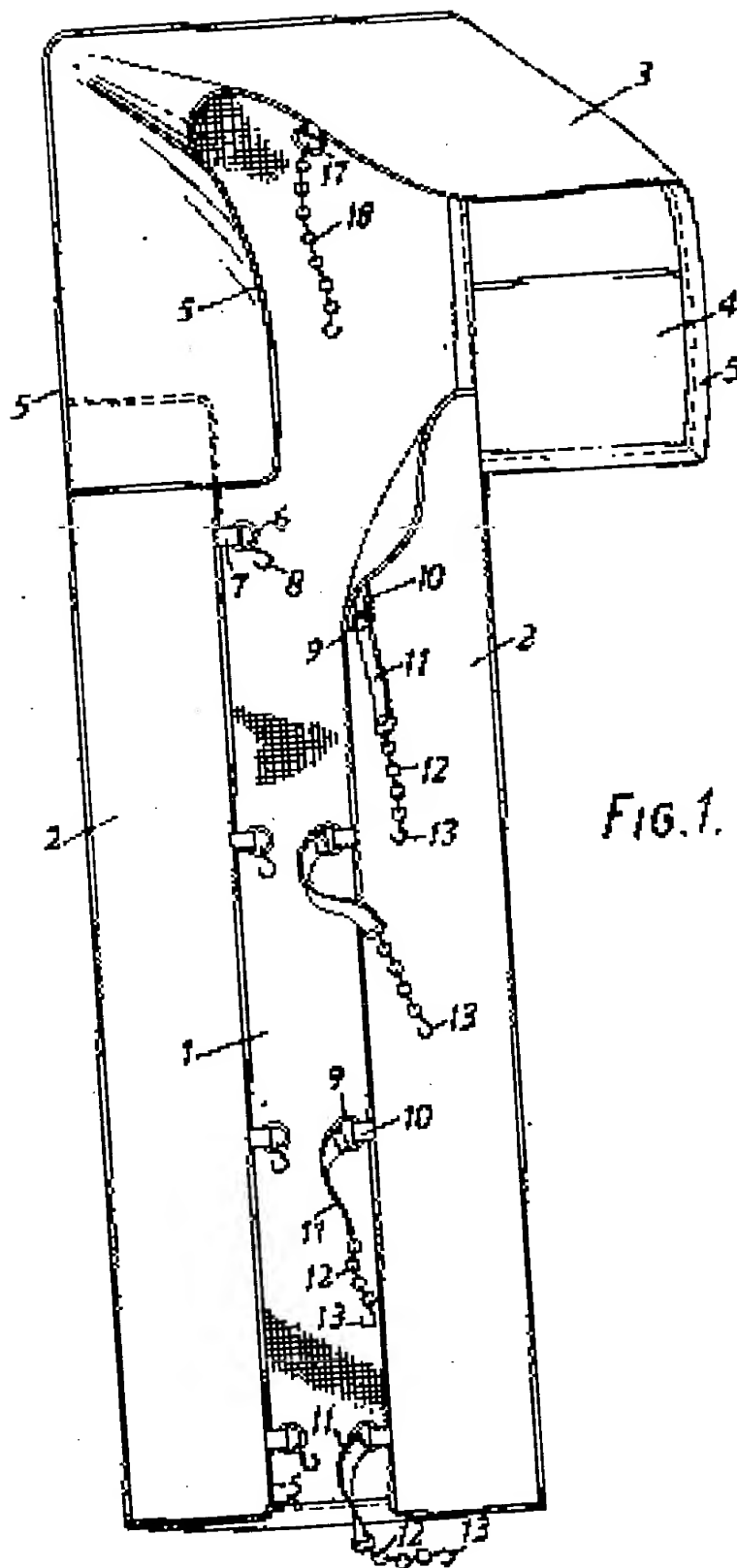


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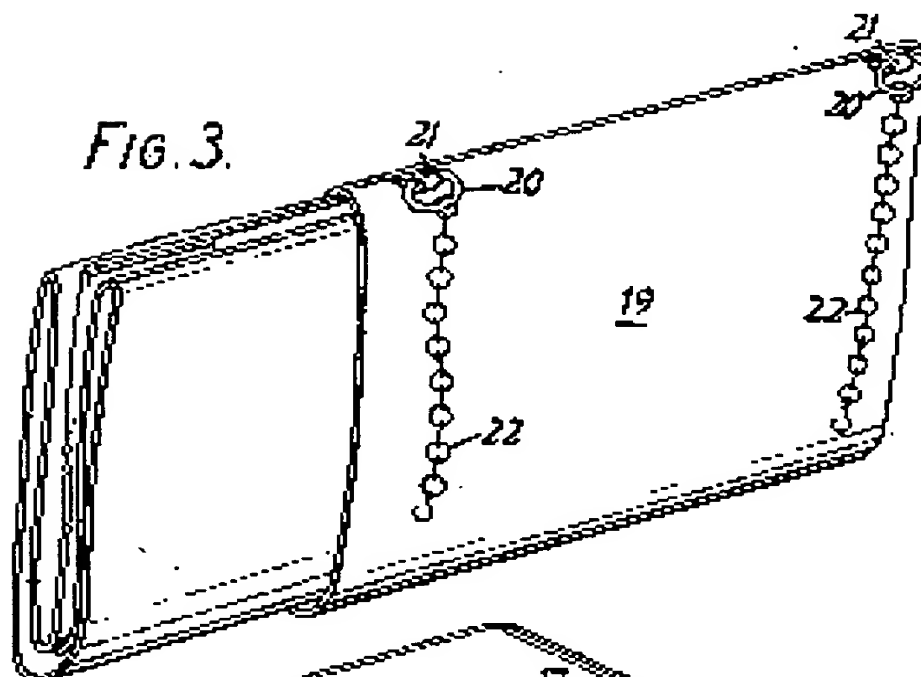


FIG. 2.

